

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method of controlling physical distribution comprising the steps of:

5            recording position data including latitude and longitude data of destination of a freight on a recording medium provided to said freight; and

              controlling said physical distribution on the basis of said position data to deliver said freight.

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2. A method of controlling physical distribution as claimed in claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

              receiving an address of said destination through a communication network; and

15            converting said address into said position data to record said position data on said recording medium.

3. A method of controlling a physical distribution as claimed in claim 2, wherein said step of converting said address comprising the  
20    step of converting a position of a gate at said address into said position data.

4. A method of controlling physical distribution as claimed in claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

25            providing a reader for reading said position data on said recording medium at sites;

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reading said position data by one of said sites which receives said freight;

converting said position data read by said one of said sites into language data indicating said destination in a language used at  
5 an area where said one of sites exists; and

indicating said position data with said language data.

5. A method of controlling physical distribution as claimed in claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

10 providing a reader for reading said position data on said recording medium at sites;

reading said position data by one of said sites dealing said freight;

converting said position data into language data indicating  
15 said destination in a language used at an area of said one of sites dealing with said freight; and

indicating said position data with said language data.

6. A method of controlling physical distribution as claimed in claim  
20 1, wherein said recording medium comprises an at least write once read memory, said method comprising the steps of: providing a reader for reading said position data on said recording medium; reading said position data; recording another position data of a place where said position data is read, said another position data includes  
25 another latitude and longitude data.

7. A method of controlling physical distribution as claimed in claim 1, wherein said position data further includes altitude data of said destination.

5 8. A method of controlling physical distribution as claimed in claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

providing a map displaying unit and a GPS unit to a deliverer for said physical distribution;

10 converting said position data from said recording medium into map position data; and

displaying a present position from said GPS unit and said map position data on said map displaying unit.

15 9. A method of controlling physical distribution as claimed in claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

providing a reader for reading said position data and a GPS unit to a deliverer for said physical distribution;

comparing said position data with present position data from said GPS unit when said freight is handed; and

20 outputting a result of said comparison.

10. A physical distribution control system comprising:

sites for receiving, forwarding, and delivering a freight;

25 recording means for recording position data including latitude and longitude data of destination of said freight on a recording medium provided to said freight; and

5 11. A physical distribution control system as claimed in claim 10,  
further comprising:

converting means for converting said address into said  
10 position data to record said position data on said recording medium.

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a reader for reading said position data on said recording medium;

indicating means for indicating said position data with said language data.

14. A physical distribution control system as claimed in claim 10,

converting means for converting said position data into language data in a language used at an area of one of said sites dealing with said freight; and

15. A physical distribution control system as claimed in claim 10, wherein said recording medium comprises an at least write once read memory, and each of said sites includes:

recording means for recording another position data of a place where said position data is read, said another position data includes another latitude and longitude data.

25        a map displaying unit and a GPS unit;  
       converting means for converting said position data from said

recording medium into map position data; and

displaying means for displaying a present position from said GPS unit and said map position data on said map displaying unit.

- 5 18. A physical distribution control system as claimed in claim 10, wherein said sites include:

deliverers, each includes:

a reader for reading said position data and a GPS unit;

comparing means for comparing said position data with

- 10 present position data from said GPS unit when said freight is handed; and

outputting means for outputting a result of said comparison.

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